



IN KOREAN skies

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First of Two Parts

ALTHOUGH both the Luftwaffe and the RAF employed jet aircraft during World War II, there were no engagements between the jets of the two air forces. It was not until the Korean War that jet versus jet combats took place. Then, the *Sabres* of the USAF won against *MIG-15s* with a kill ratio of 10 to 1, despite heavy odds. Among those *Sabre* pilots was a score of Canadians who contributed their share, shooting down at least nine *MIGs* and damaging many more.

At the outbreak of the Korean War the UN air forces under American command quickly eliminated the small North Korean Air Force. When the Communist Chinese intervened in the fall of 1950, they introduced a new factor in the air war. On 1 Nov. '50 six *MIG-15s* crossed the Yalu River and attacked a flight of F-51 *Mustang* fighter bombers.

The swept-wing *MIG-15* was the most advanced Russian fighter of the day, superior to every UN plane in Korea at that time, and was being supplied in growing numbers to the

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